

THIS IS THE LATEST PHOTO OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA OF ENGLAND TAKEN TO PUT IN KING'S STOCKING



Queen Alexandra had this photo taken on her seventy-eighth birthday and surprised the king by putting it among his gifts from Santa Claus.

HOOUNDING HER, SHE SAYS

"Kiss" Plaintiff Appeals to Harding Against Department of Justice.

In the dual role of attorney and client, Mrs. Alma C. Smythe, pretty red haired plaintiff in the \$100,000 "kiss suit" against Leighton Taylor, former secretary to late Senator Penrose, today appealed to President Harding for assistance.

"The subject is simply that the Department of Justice be commanded to openly prefer charges against me if they have any grounds for action," Mrs. Smythe, said, writing from her Alexandria office.

Makes Persecution Charge.

Mrs. Smythe says she wants these charges preferred, if there are any. "Instead of the mad undercover of persecution in which some of their men have taken part."

The pretty plaintiff complains to the President that she has been refused permission to carry a gun to be used in self defense and as a result of this "makes the breaking of the law an imperative need."

Her letter follows:

"Dear Sir: An appeal to you has failed of reply and as perhaps the same has not reached you, a second is being sent."

The subject is simply that the Department of Justice be commanded to openly prefer charges against me if they have any grounds for action instead of the mad undercover of persecution in which some of their men have taken part.

"All clean, cut legal action seems to avail of nothing and requests and appeals for protection from duly authorized authorities are futile as requests for permits to carry a gun to be used in self defense, thus making my breaking of the law an imperative need."

As a result of which a warrant has just been served on me for carrying a gun anyway and daring to turn on and chase thugs—also a Department of Justice operative. Of course there is no reason to believe that said operative was really authorized in his actions but no difference does that make in results!

"Again will you please require that the Department of Justice take a position in the open and above-board in this matter."

"And I thank you kindly."

"Respectfully," ALMA C. SMYTHE, Attorney for Alma C. Smythe, 309 Cameron street, Alexandria, Va.

Enclose Her Petition.

Mrs. Smythe incloses in her letter to President Harding a copy of her petition to be allowed to carry a gun. It is to the corporation court of the city of Alexandria, and reads as follows:

"Whereas I, the undersigned, having several law-cases soon due

Wilhelm Trims Tree for 7-year-old Princess

DOORN, Holland, Dec. 25.—A Christmas tree, trimmed by the former kaiser himself, was the chief decoration at the Christmas celebration at the House of Doorn today. The main figure was the little seven-year-old Princess Henrietta (Princess Sunshine), step-daughter of the former kaiser by his second marriage to Princess Hermine.

HARDING HOPES FOR TRIP TO ALASKA

Details, However, of Summer Excursion Cannot Be Completed Now.

Unless prevented by administrative exigencies, President Harding hopes to make his long-delayed trip to Alaska early next summer. It was learned today. At the same time he wants to visit the farming communities of the middle and far West.

Detailed plans for the trip have not been completed and all the negotiations are in the nebulous stage. The President is feeling that he cannot now decide definitely to visit the northwest until his whole administration program has been cleared up. As last summer, when he planned the trip, circumstances may have been such that he would have been able to make the trip. For this reason none of the arrangements, thus far tentative, will be announced until later.

The President is deeply interested in the development of Alaska. For a long time he has studied conditions there, as brought to him personally by Government investigators. He has devoted entire Cabinet sessions lately to discussion of proposals whereby the rich, natural resources of the northwest could be utilized more adequately, and at the same time the country opened up for greater settlement and more permanent prosperity. It is now his wish to go into the territory personally to learn the methods as to how best this end can be obtained.

While considering plans for the Alaskan trip, the President hopes to have his affairs in such shape by March that he can take Mrs. Harding to Florida for a much needed rest. Physicians have ordered that as soon as Mrs. Harding is strong enough she must go to a less rigorous climate than Washington to regain her health completely. Only an extra session of a new Congress, it was stated, will now force cancellation of the plans for the Florida vacation this spring.

BURIAL OF J. H. EDWARDS, FRIEND OF PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The body of J. Howard Edwards, a former newspaper publisher of Youngstown, Ohio, who died of heart disease here last evening, will be sent to Youngstown for burial. Edwards was fifty years of age. He was a close friend of President Harding. After quitting the newspaper business, Edwards became a member of the firm of Edwards & Franklin, stationers, at Youngstown. He retired from business several years ago and moved to New York with his family.

U. S. AGENTS PUSHING PROBE OF KLAN

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Heiress Fled To Avoid Marriage

THUGS HOLDUP COUPLE

Secretary Fall Will Quit Cabinet

U.S. AGENTS ON KLAN'S TRAIL

More Arrests Expected at Mer Rouge as Coco Prepares for State's Hearing.

By B. V. STURDIVANT, International News Service.

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 25.—The gloom of darkest tragedy was in the Christmas air here today. Thoughts of residents of all Morehouse Parish turned to study of probable moves in the investigation into the deaths of Watt Daniels and Tom Richards, whose mutilated bodies were buried yesterday in the Daniels burial ground.

The methods that will be followed out in prosecuting the men alleged to have been responsible for abduction and murder of the two men was the principal topic of conversation.

Excitement Dying Down. Mer Rouge and the other towns nearby were breathing easier, now that the first tense moments of excitement have passed. Calmer speculation over eventualities has followed.

Just how the prosecution of the suspects is to be carried out has not been made public. Federal agents were sent here to locate the bodies of the men and to point out persons to be arrested. This has been partly completed.

No arrests were made before the bodies were discovered, for the simple reason that the only charge that could have been placed against suspects would have been that of abduction, which is heinous.

There is nothing now, however, to check carrying out the results of the long investigation before January 5, which is the date set for the public hearing, several more north-east Louisiana men may be behind prison bars.

To Hear Both Sides. Laws of this State provide for open hearings in cases of this kind, and Attorney General Coco will conduct this probe personally. All curtains covering evidence are expected to be brushed aside. Both pro and anti Klan factions will be called into the hearing.

It is believed the State will take entire charge of the prosecution, basing its contentions mainly upon evidence obtained through the Department of Justice agents.

Crowd Attends Funeral. A thousand persons yesterday witnessed burial services for Daniels and Richards. They were laid in graves, side by side, twelve miles north of this little hamlet. The funeral was a double one, with military honors being accorded Daniels, a world-war hero. Troopers of the State guard accompanied the bodies to the cemetery and there, facing the lowering sun, fired three shots that ever will resound in the ears of many friends who went to pay last respects to them.

The interment was made in the Daniels' burial ground, one of the oldest in this section, because of the staunch friendship that existed between the two men. J. L. Daniels, father of the dead hero, persuaded relatives of Richards to allow his body to rest beside his own son.

For the first time in history the solitude of the Daniels' burial tract was broken by hundreds of mourners. The weather-beaten tombs, some more than a hundred years old, were the waiting welcome for the bodies which had lain for months concealed by the waters of Lake La Fourche.

While Daniels' funeral procession was crossing the plantation another

Bernhardt is Dying as Result of Relapse



PARIS, Dec. 25.—Sarah Bernhardt, world famous actress, is dying, according to a report here this morning. Physicians, who are in constant attendance at her bedside, are said to hold little hope of the aged woman living more than a few hours.

Relatives of the famous actress have been summoned and are at her bedside.

The illness of Mme. Bernhardt started last week with a fainting spell just before the opening of Sacha Guitry's new play here. At first her illness was not considered serious and the famous actress insisted she would be back on the stage in a few days.

A severe cold set in and other complications arose. However, the sickness was thought to have been overcome Saturday. Yesterday morning, however, the actress suffered a relapse.

It was reported here today that only the courage of the actress is keeping her alive. She is making a brave fight for life, but her physicians momentarily expect her death.

GOOD FELLOWS GIVE CHEER TO 2,000

Pour Thousands of Gifts Into Homes of Needy in Washington.

Today is the big day for Washington's army of Good Fellows. Four hundred Washington homes, in which the ill, aged, and destitute of the National Capital live, have been visited or will be visited during the course of the day by the big hearted Washingtonians who are making possible the biggest concerted effort in the history of the city to banish unhappiness on Christmas Day.

Nearly 2,000 Washington men, women, and children, who have been

CALLS FOR GIRL FLED WEDDING RITES

Elmer V. Carr and Wife Stopped on Way to Church by Two Men.

The peaceful passage of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer V. Carr, middle-aged couple, to Christmas services at Calvary M. E. Church, was rudely interrupted at 10 o'clock last night when they were confronted at Eleventh street and Columbia road by two armed negro footpads, who covered them with automatic pistols and whispered: "Give us your money or we will kill you."

On Way To Church. Mr. and Mrs. Carr were walking from their home at 741 Hobart place to the church situated between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets on Columbia road, when the bold though unsuccessful attempt was made. Mrs. Carr, still much wrought up this morning, over her experience, said that she believed the pair had trailed them for several blocks and waited until they entered a patch of darkness to hold them up.

While one of the gunmen pointed the pistol at Mrs. Carr's head the other grappled with the husband and started going through his pockets. Carr cried out for assistance and attracted the attention of several pedestrians nearby and the two negroes took flight and made off.

Thugs Are Described. Mr. and Mrs. Carr then proceeded to the church, after furnishing a policeman who arrived on the scene the following description:

No. 1, 28 to 30 years old, 6 feet tall, weight 150 pounds, wearing a soldier's uniform and cap.

No. 2, 40 years old, height 6 feet, weight 175 pounds, wearing a dark overcoat and a dark slouch hat.

Officers of the tenth precinct declared this morning their search for the two bandits has been fruitless thus far.

WOODROW WILSON FUND OF MILLION COMPLETED

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Workers for the \$1,000,000 Woodrow Wilson Foundation endowment fund will meet Wednesday in the same room at the Hotel Biltmore, in which the work was started two years ago to celebrate the raising of the amount. The campaign workers are to be disbanded and the trustees, among whom are Franklin D. Roosevelt, William Allen White, Samuel Gompers, and Henry Morgenthau, will take charge. On Thursday, Wilson's birthday, a delegation from the foundation will greet him with the news of the fund's completion.

GIRL SEVERELY INJURED BY ONE-MAN STREET CAR

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 25.—Edith Sage, three years old, was struck by a one-man trolley car in front of her home yesterday and dragged fifteen feet before the car was stopped.

She was brought to the Misericordia Hospital, where doctors are working to save her legs, which were badly crushed.

POISONED SPRING CAUSES DEATH OF DEER HUNTER

SUNBURY, Pa., Dec. 25.—Drinking contaminated water from a spring while hunting deer caused the death of William J. Wolf, aged twenty-six, doctors said.

Wolf returned from a hunting trip sick and died in a few days. He was widely known and owned one of the largest garages in central Pennsylvania.

Business Will Gain Impetus With New Year

A business lull which will follow Christmas day for a week or so will be followed by a general picking up in industrial speed all over the country, officials of the Federal Reserve Board said today.

Business has gained substantial momentum from stacks of unfilled orders on file with leading manufacturers and producers. Many industries are held back by inability to get transportation of ordered goods. An improvement in car capacity on the railroads, expected within sixty days, will give business a remarkable impetus, officials said.

BRITISH POLICY AIMS TO CUT DEBTS

Bonar Law Hopes Parley Will Find Basis for Allied Agreement.

By DAVID M. CHURCH, International News Service.

LONDON, DEC. 25.—The attention of British statesmen is focused today on two forthcoming conferences, each involving the most important issues, that of the policy and prosperity of the nation.

Premier A. Bonar Law is giving all his time to the tariff and reparations conference. He is hopeful that this conference will evolve the basis for an agreement which will mark a forward step in stabilizing European finances. The premier declines to discuss his plans, but it is understood he is prepared to reiterate Great Britain's willingness to reduce the allies' debts to England if the burdens of Germany's reparations are lessened.

Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, will sail for the United States next Wednesday. He will go to Washington to confer with the American officials on a plan for funding Great Britain's debt to the United States.

This conference, from a business and industrial standpoint of view, is a very important one according to British statesmen. A satisfactory settlement, it is said, would result in lightning the burdens of taxation and permit industrial expansion. This latter would relieve the unemployment situation.

Baldwin is reticent regarding his trip to the United States and declines to reveal the proposals he is authorized to make to the United States government.

FEARS MILWAUKEE MAY BECOME PART OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The possibility of Chicago growing into a city more than 125 miles long, stretching from Milwaukee into Indiana, with a population of 50,000,000 persons, was discussed yesterday at a meeting of the Wisconsin Association of City and County Planners, in Kenosha, Wis.

William H. Schuchardt, president, warned the planners to consider the possibility of Milwaukee becoming a part of Chicago. He expressed the opinion that such a city, touching three States, was not merely a dream but will be a reality in the "not distant future."

THUGS BEAT DRUGGIST IN HUNT FOR MORPHINE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 25.—Herman Fritz, local druggist, was near death today as a result of an attack on him by morphine bandits in his place of business. He was clubbed with the butt of a revolver and a stove poker. The thugs got \$100 in loot. Fritz had no morphine.

FIRST RIFT IN HARDING OFFICIAL FAMILY

Whole Reorganization Scheme May Fail as Result of Clash.

It is now definitely known that Albert B. Fall, Secretary of the Interior, will leave President Harding's cabinet before spring. Three prominent Republicans, recently defeated for office, are mentioned as possible successors. They are Harry S. New, of Indiana, Carmi Thompson, of Ohio, and Senator Kellogg of Minnesota.

Second to Leave.

The determination of Secretary Fall to resign, making the second break in the Harding Cabinet, is the result of a spirited session of the President's Committee on Organization of the Government, held at the White House last week, says the New York World.

It signifies a complete victory for Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in the fight he has been waging to regain administration of Alaskan forests and is interpreted by leading Senators as a signal of defeat of the President's ambitious reorganization scheme.

An effort will yet be made to get the plan before Congress. There is some doubt whether this will be accomplished and even if it is, it is not expected Congress will approve of what has been done.

Wallace Involved.

Secretary Wallace's victory in keeping control of the forestry service in his department instead of placing it in the Department of Interior, as the President originally wanted, establishes a precedent for the rest of the bureaucracy. They are now insisting upon retaining their perquisites. The army will not surrender to the navy nor will the sea forces give place to those of the land. Heads of bureaus and other departments, whose lines have become crossed in the slow and complex development of the machinery of Government, are equally determined in their opposition to the tentative plans of reorganization.

While the decision reached by Mr. Fall to retire from the Cabinet hinges about the Administration's policy relative to Alaska, the Secretary of the Interior has not been in complete harmony with his chief and other members of the Cabinet on important issues. Among these differences has been the Mexican policy, while there have been criticisms within the Cabinet of Mr. Fall's recent oil leases.

Policies of T. R.

Into the Cabinet tempest has entered the spirit of the Roosevelt conservation policies, and Gifford Pinchot, recently elected governor of Pennsylvania, is credited with having given the last decisive push which precipitated the Cabinet break.

Either by accident or prearrangement, Mr. Pinchot conferred with President Harding just before the meeting of the reorganization committee. When that body met the President is understood to have taken a position definitely in favor of retaining the forestry service in the Department of Agriculture, as demanded by Mr. Wallace, by Pinchot and by representatives of the farm bloc.

Secretary Fall is understood to have felt that he was induced to take up the Administration's fight in demanding the forestry service be